

## COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE/CHILDREN'S JUSTICE ACT PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2014

A meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Court Appointed Special Advocate and Children's Justice Act programs was held on Friday, April 25, 2014, at the Richmond Police Training Academy, Richmond, Virginia.

#### Members Present

Lelia Hopper  
Robin Morgan  
Malcolm King  
Rita Katzman  
Kirk Marlow  
Terry Morris  
Julia Fuller-Wilson  
Patricia Popp  
Eric Reynolds  
Viola Vaughan-Eden

#### Special Advisor to CJA

Judge Frederick Rockwell

#### Members Not Present

Michelle Clayton  
Ruth Anne Cutright  
Jim Pope  
Darby Lowe  
Donna Gilles

#### Guests

Robin Foster

#### Staff Present

Fran Ecker, Director, DCJS  
Kevin Franklin  
Patrick McCrerey  
Melissa O'Neill  
Mary Wilson

- I. **Call to Order** – Vice- Chairperson Viola Vaughan-Eden called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
- II. **Approval of Minutes** – Following a correction to the list of attendees, Terry Morris moved to accept the minutes. Kirk Marlow seconded the motion. With no objections, the minutes were unanimously approved.

- III. **Appoint Nominations Committee** – Julia Fuller-Wilson and Patricia Popp volunteered to present a slate of officers for 2014-2015 at the July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- IV. **Introductions and Welcome:** Following introductions, Fran Ecker, the newly appointed director of DCJS welcomed the advisory group.
- V. **CJA Program Update** - The Committee was provided with an update regarding the Children’s Justice Act program.
  - a. Three Year Plan Review – The Committee reviewed updates to the 2011-2014 Three Year Plan.
  - b. 2014-2017 Three Year Plan – Patricia Popp moved to accept the Plan. Julia Fuller-Wilson seconded the motion. Following discussion and a minor change, the 2014-2017 Three Year Plan was unanimously approved.
- VI. **Citizen’s Review Panel – (CRP)** – Rita Katzman reviewed the Virginia State Plan for the Child Abuse and Prevention Act as developed by the Virginia Department of Social Services.
- VII. **Legislative Update** - The committee was provided with an overview of legislation introduced related to the prosecution, investigation and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect during the 2014 General Assembly Session.
- VII. **CASA Program Update** – The committee was provided an update regarding the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program.
- VIII. **New Business** – There was no new business.
- X. **Adjourn** - There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:18 P.M.